

**Introduced by Senator Block**

February 18, 2014

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An act to amend Section 3010 of the Elections Code, relating to elections.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1062, as amended, Block. Elections: vote by mail ballots.

Existing law sets forth the procedures by which a voter may apply for and receive a vote by mail ballot. Existing law requires an elections official to deliver to each qualified applicant the vote by mail ballot for the precinct in which the applicant resides and all supplies necessary for the use and return of the ballot.

This bill would require the elections official to also deliver to each qualified applicant a return envelope with postage prepaid in which a vote by mail voter may return his or her ballot *if the ballot is to be mailed within the territorial limits of the United States or the District of Columbia*. By imposing additional duties on local elections officials, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: yes.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 3010 of the Elections Code is amended  
2 to read:

3 3010. (a) The elections official shall deliver the following to  
4 each qualified applicant:

5 (1) The ballot for the precinct in which he or she resides. In  
6 primary elections, this shall also be accompanied by the ballot for  
7 the central committee of the party with which the voter is affiliated,  
8 if any.

9 (2) All supplies necessary for the use and return of the ballot,  
10 including a return envelope with prepaid postage *if the ballot is to*  
11 *be mailed within the territorial limits of the United States or the*  
12 *District of Columbia.*

13 (b) ~~No~~ An officer of this state ~~may~~ *shall not* make any charge  
14 for services rendered to any voter under this chapter.

15 SEC. 2. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that  
16 this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to  
17 local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made  
18 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division  
19 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.